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Wines of People, Place and Time*

CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER *La Grande Année 2005*



95 POINTS



a Grande Année is only made from free-run juice and in only the best years. It's not how you would describe the 2005 vintage, but the 70 percent Pinot Noir and 30 percent Chardonnay made from 13 Crus (Aÿ and Verzenay for Pinot Noir and Avize, Chouilly and Le Mesnil-sur-Oger for Chardonnay) seems to have overcome the wet weather. It was disgorged in 2014 after 8 years on lees and is surprisingly ready to drink. What makes the nose so beautiful and enticing is a persistent bead of pin-head size bubbles that release the aromas in the most gentle fashion possible. It's not a shy wine, but like the Special Cuvée the current style has more finesse and restraint than we have seen in the past, adding to this wine's attraction. Creamy, warm brioche mixes with floral, nutty, tangerine and gentle spicy notes that scream complexity and length. There is more sugar ripeness and less acidity, which is why it's drinking well now and will likely age faster than the norm. Simply excellent. When you find yourself losing faith in wine, this champagne will recharge your batteries.



- Anthony Gismondi, August 2016

About Wine Align

Wine Align aggregates ratings from a growing portfolio of top Canadian wine critics who taste thousands of wines a year and have an objective frame of reference for rating quality and the journalistic ability to effectively communicate the style, character and background of the wine. Chacun son vin est le service par excellence pour faire des choix bien informés quand vient le temps d'acheter du vin dans sa succursale préférée. Utilisez-le avant d'aller faire vos emplettes, en lisant des notes de dégustation sur les nouveaux arrivages à la SAQ, ou même devant les rayons et consultant votre téléphone intelligent ou autre appareil mobile. Le site vous offre à la fois les inventaires à jour en succursale, des notes de dégustation de critiques professionnels et des avis de la communauté, en alignant le tout sur votre budget, vos goûts et vos accords mets-vins. X



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